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Hi, Steve,

Please see the attached ERMI reports in both pdf and Excel files. Please let me know if you have any questions.

P.s. We have purchased more RERMI kits from Roche for analyzing your dust samples.

Thanks

*Charlie*

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## Environmental Relative Moldiness Index (ERMI) by Mold Specific Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction (MSQPCR) (EMSL Test Code:M050)

based on USA EPA SOP MERB-020, Revision No. 3, 7/11/02

Lab Sample Number Client Sample ID Sample Location Sample size	6170-1 EMMLIV 0046 - 4mg Dust	6170-2 EMMLIV 0047 - 5mg Dust	6170-3 EMMLIV 0048 - 3mg Dust	6170-4 EMMLIV 0049 - 5mg Dust
EPA 36 Species Identification	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
<b>Group 1</b>				
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	ND	2	ND	ND
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	ND	20	2	22
<i>Aspergillus ochraceus</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Aspergillus penicillioides</i>	15	126	ND	19
<i>Aspergillus restrictus</i>	ND	8	5	ND
<i>Aspergillus sclerotiorum</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Aspergillus sydowii</i>	7	12	ND	4
<i>Aspergillus unguis</i>	ND	4	ND	ND
<i>Aspergillus versicolor</i>	61	ND	343	70
<i>Eurotium (A.) amstelodami</i>	5	95	62	6
<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	204	2,129	117	22
<i>Chaetomium globosum</i>	ND	1	ND	ND
<i>Cladosporium sphaerospermum</i>	1	1	3	2
<i>Paecilomyces variotii</i>	ND	4	ND	ND
<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	ND	ND	ND	3
<i>Penicillium corylophilum</i>	ND	11	65	2
<i>Penicillium crustosum (group2)</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Penicillium purpurogenum</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Penicillium spinulosum</i>	ND	ND	93	17
<i>Penicillium variable</i>	ND	ND	4	ND
<i>Scopulariopsis brevicaulis</i>	ND	ND	0	ND
<i>Scopulariopsis chartarum</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Stachybotrys chartarum</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Trichoderma viride</i>	ND	5	378	11
<i>Wallemia sebi</i>	ND	4	9	2
<b>Sum of the Logs</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>10.7</b>

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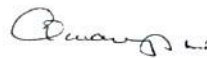
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Client Sample ID	EMMLIV 0046	EMMLIV 0047	EMMLIV 0048	EMMLIV 0049
Sample Location	-	-	-	-
Sample size	4mg Dust	5mg Dust	3mg Dust	5mg Dust
EPA 36 Species Identification	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
Group 2				
<i>Acremonium strictum</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	17	91	7	4
<i>Aspergillus ustus</i>	ND	3	ND	ND
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides I</i>	21	29	3	7
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides II</i>	ND	ND	5	ND
<i>Cladosporium herbarum</i>	5	3	ND	ND
<i>Epicoccum nigrum</i>	7	103	11	6
<i>Mucor and Rhizopus group</i>	ND	28	8	5
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	ND	70	2	ND
<i>Rhizopus stolonifer</i>	ND	ND	ND	ND
Sum of the Logs	4.1	9.6	4.1	2.9
ERMI Value:	2.9	5.1	11.6	7.8
ERMI Interpretation* (see graph and description below)	Level 3	Level 4	Level 4	Level 4

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Lab Sample Number	6170-5	6170-6	-	-
Client Sample ID	EMMLIV 0050	EMMLIV 0051	-	-
Sample Location	-	-	-	-
Sample size	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	-	-
EPA 36 Species Identification	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
Group 1				
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	3	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	3	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus ochraceus</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus penicillioides</i>	8	8	-	-
<i>Aspergillus restrictus</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus sclerotiorum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus sydowii</i>	3	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus unguis</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Aspergillus versicolor</i>	141	ND	-	-
<i>Eurotium (A.) amstelodami</i>	10	10	-	-
<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	613	483	-	-
<i>Chaetomium globosum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Cladosporium sphaerospermum</i>	2	ND	-	-
<i>Paecilomyces variotii</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium corylophilum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium crustosum (group2)</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium purpurogenum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium spinulosum</i>	27	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium variable</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Scopulariopsis brevicaulis</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Scopulariopsis chartarum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Stachybotrys chartarum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Trichoderma viride</i>	ND	3	-	-
<i>Wallemia sebi</i>	1	ND	-	-
<b>Sum of the Logs</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	-	-



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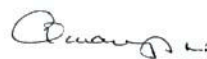
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Client Sample ID	EMMLIV 0050	EMMLIV 0051	-	-
Sample Location	-	-	-	-
Sample size	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	-	-
EPA 36 Species Identification	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
Group 2				
<i>Acremonium strictum</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	2	8	-	-
<i>Aspergillus ustus</i>	ND	2	-	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides I</i>	10	74	-	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides II</i>	ND	ND	-	-
<i>Cladosporium herbarum</i>	1	2	-	-
<i>Epicoccum nigrum</i>	6	5	-	-
<i>Mucor and Rhizopus group</i>	4	ND	-	-
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	26	23	-	-
<i>Rhizopus stolonifer</i>	ND	ND	-	-
Sum of the Logs	4.4	5.5	-	-
ERMI Value:	5.6	-0.4	-	-
ERMI Interpretation* (see graph and description below)	Level 4	Level 2	-	-

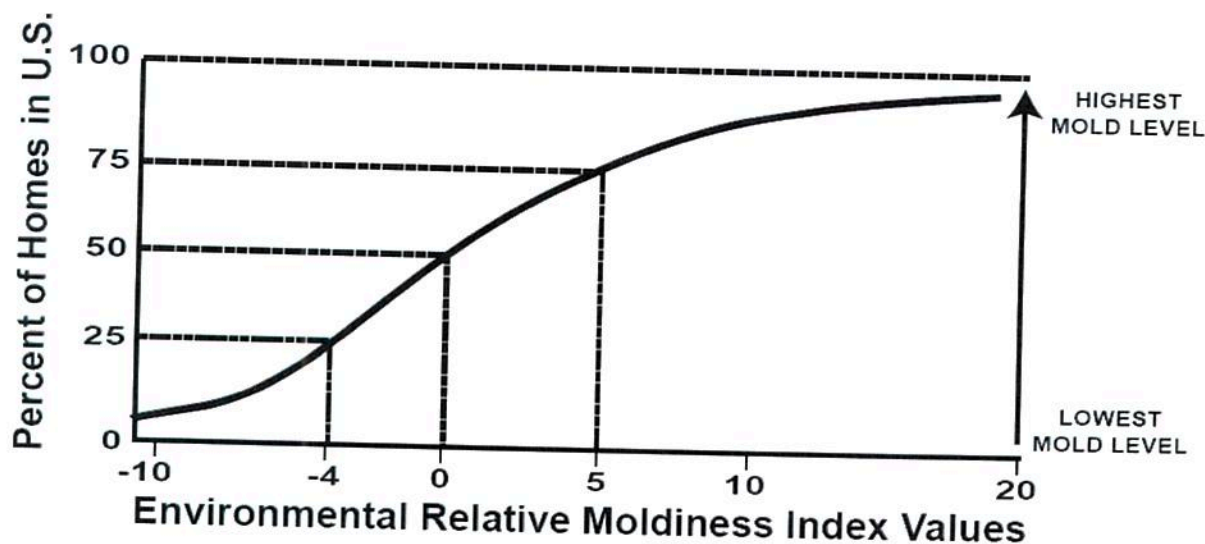
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Lab Sample Number	6264-1	6264-2	6264-3	-
Client Sample ID	Mosier-1	Vaughn-2	Aunt-3	-
Sample Location	-	-	-	-
Sample size	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	-
EPA 36 Species Identification	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
Group 1	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
<i>Aspergillus flavus</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus fumigatus</i>	1	ND	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus niger</i>	6	4	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus ochraceus</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus penicillioides</i>	52	9,647	8	-
<i>Aspergillus restrictus</i>	ND	14	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus sclerotiorum</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus sydowii</i>	36	12	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus unguis</i>	14	ND	ND	-
<i>Aspergillus versicolor</i>	110	362	173	-
<i>Eurotium (A.) amstelodami</i>	159	664	7	-
<i>Aureobasidium pullulans</i>	4,412	4,066	108	-
<i>Chaetomium globosum</i>	5	3	ND	-
<i>Cladosporium sphaerospermum</i>	1	5	ND	-
<i>Paecilomyces variotii</i>	ND	4	ND	-
<i>Penicillium brevicompactum</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Penicillium corylophilum</i>	157	25	ND	-
<i>Penicillium crustosum (group2)</i>	33	ND	ND	-
<i>Penicillium purpurogenum</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Penicillium spinulosum</i>	161	ND	ND	-
<i>Penicillium variable</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Scopulariopsis brevicaulis</i>	5	27	ND	-
<i>Scopulariopsis chartarum</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Stachybotrys chartarum</i>	1	ND	ND	-
<i>Trichoderma viride</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Wallemia sebi</i>	13	79	5	-
<b>Sum of the Logs</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.2</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-</b>

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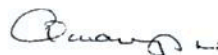
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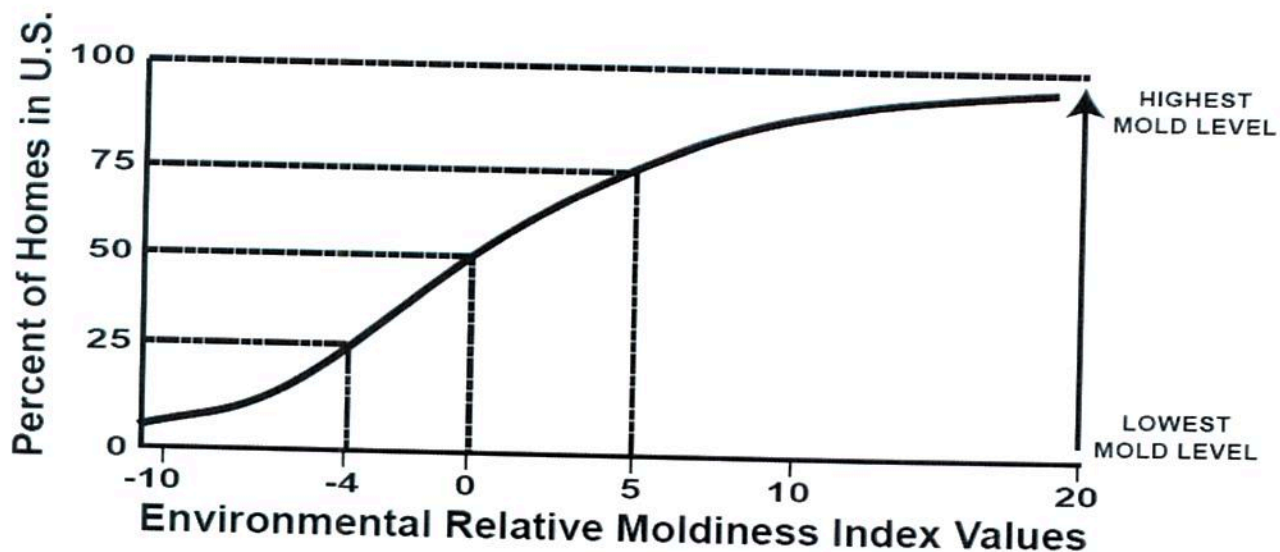
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<b>Sample size</b>	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	-
<b>EPA 36 Species Identification</b>	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
<b>Group 2</b>				
<i>Acremonium strictum</i>	2	2	ND	-
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	263	191	13	-
<i>Aspergillus ustus</i>	8	ND	ND	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides I</i>	214	128	3	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides II</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
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<b>Sum of the Logs</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	-
<b>ERMI Value:</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	-
<b>ERMI Interpretation*</b> (see graph and description below)	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	-

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<b>Sample Location</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>Sample size</b>	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	5mg Dust	-
<b>EPA 36 Species Identification</b>	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust	cells/ mg dust
<b>Group 2</b>				
<i>Acremonium strictum</i>	2	2	ND	-
<i>Alternaria alternata</i>	263	191	13	-
<i>Aspergillus ustus</i>	8	ND	ND	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides I</i>	214	128	3	-
<i>Cladosporium cladosporioides II</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<i>Cladosporium herbarum</i>	41	23	ND	-
<i>Epicoccum nigrum</i>	129	215	52	-
<i>Mucor and Rhizopus group</i>	39	ND	ND	-
<i>Penicillium chrysogenum</i>	140	32	ND	-
<i>Rhizopus stolonifer</i>	ND	ND	ND	-
<b>Sum of the Logs</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>3.3</b>	-
<b>ERMI Value:</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>3.4</b>	-
<b>ERMI Interpretation*</b> (see graph and description below)	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 4</b>	<b>Level 3</b>	-

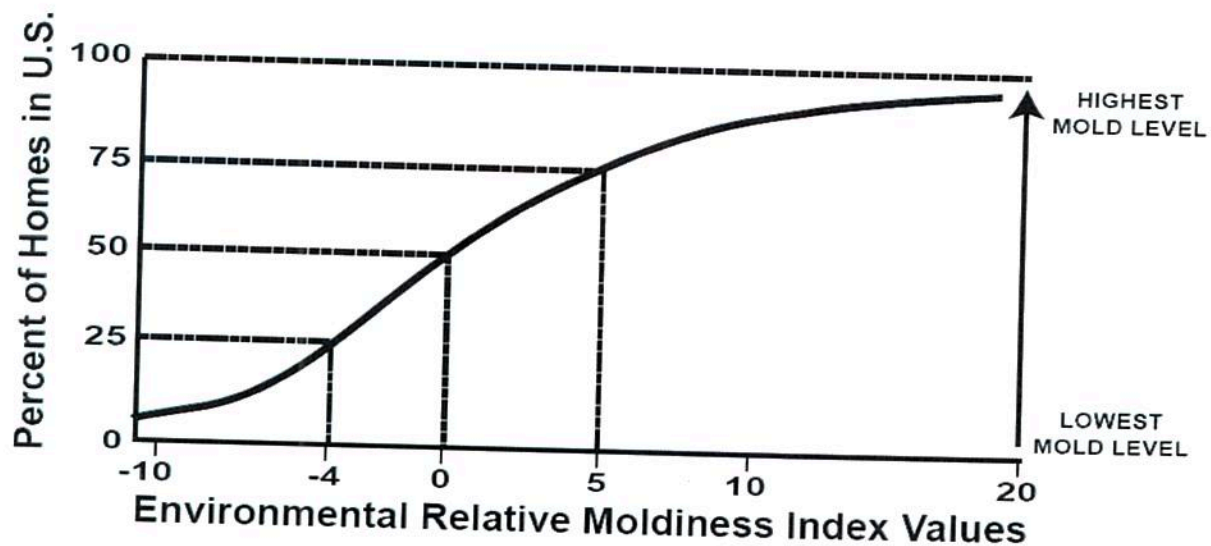
ND=None detected; the result is below the analytical detection limit or not present.



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Based on preliminary data published by the US EPA (chart above), the following ERMI levels can help predict whether an indoor environment is moldy. As research progresses, forthcoming data may change this interpretation and further refine the ERMI.

ND=None detected; the result is below the analytical detection limit or not present.

Level 4 = Buildings with an ERMI in the 4th quartile have the greatest likelihood of having a mold problem.

Level 3 = Buildings with an ERMI in the 3rd quartile have a greater likelihood of having a mold problem.

Level 2 = Buildings with an ERMI in the 2nd quartile have a lower likelihood of having a mold problem.

Level 1 = Buildings with an ERMI in the 1st quartile have the lowest likelihood of having a mold problem.

Related published paper: Quantification of *Stachybotrys chartarum* conidia in indoor dust using real time,

Rapid Monitoring by Quantitative Polymerase Chain Reaction for Pathogenic *Aspergillus* During Carpet Removal From a Hospital. 2004. Alice N. Neely, PhD, Vince Gallardo, MS, Ed Barth, MS, Richard A. Haugland, PhD, Glenn D. Warden, MD, and Stephen J. Vesper, PhD. *Infection Control and Hospital Epidemiology*, Vol. 25.

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